

# Exhibit 2



**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	
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John S. Loffink	§	Group No.: 2111
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Serial No.: 10/712,151	§	Examiner: Christopher A. Daley
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Filed: November 13, 2003	§	
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Invention: System and Method for	§	
Communications in a Serial	§	
Attached SCSI Storage Network	§	

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**DECLARATION OF ROGER FULGHUM  
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Roger Fulghum, hereby declare and state that:

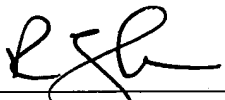
1. I am a lawyer at the law firm Baker Botts L.L.P. ("Baker Botts"). Baker Botts is involved in the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for Dell Inc. ("Dell"). I am responsible for supervising the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for Dell in Baker Botts's Houston office.

2. A redacted copy of a Dell invention disclosure is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit B. This invention disclosure has been titled "Dual Ported SAS Bridge For Single Ported SATA Device" and has been assigned Dell reference number DC-05472. This invention disclosure was received by Baker Botts on August 1, 2003 for the preparation of a patent application.

3. On November 13, 2003, the patent application concerning the DC-05472 invention disclosure was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The patent application was titled "System and Method for Communication in a Serial Attached SCSI Storage Network" and was assigned serial number 10/712,151.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true. I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 14th day of November 2005.

  
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Roger Fulghum